

GERMAN SULPHUR MAGNATE ACCUSED OF ACTING AS SPY

French Military Court Tries
Him by Default—Accused
of Much Activity.

Paris, July 30.—The court martial of the 15th military region of France will soon try Hermann Hoesel, of Hamburg, Director of the Union Sulphur Co., for espionage in France. It is the first case in which the public has been furnished with precise details of the alleged German military preparations in France before the war.

Hoesel, who will be tried by default, having left France fourteen days before Germany declared war, is charged with having built concrete gun foundations in his works in France, and with having constructed along an important line of railroad, installations destined to facilitate an audacious campaign by enemies of France. This, it is said, was prevented by the minute precautions taken by the French military authorities as soon as the mobilization was foreseen.

Hoesel is also charged with having endeavored to prevent the importation of sulphur into France from Louisiana and Sicily in order to hamper the production of ammunition by French arsenals.

A cash dividend of 100 per cent. payable July 31, was declared by the Union Sulphur Co. of Oklahoma.

HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION USED TO SOOTHE THE SOLDIERS' NERVES

London, July 30.—Practically every British hospital for soldiers now has on its staff one or more physicians trained in administering hypnotic treatment. According to medical correspondents of the Daily Mail, the results obtained have in many cases been little short of miraculous.

The chief use of hypnotism has been in cases of shell-shock where, in addition to any actual wounding, the patient is suffering from a pronounced disorganization of the nervous system. This may take the form of complete or partial blindness, loss of hearing or speech, paralysis, melancholia, or loss of memory.

The treatment consists of hypnotizing the patient, and while he is in the hypnotic state the operator coaxes him to exercise those senses and functions which previously had been lost or quiescent. Then the lost sight or memory is gradually awakened in the un hypnotized state, and, according to the Mail's correspondent, a complete cure is almost always merely a question of time.

BRITAIN PREPARES NATIONAL REGISTER

London, July 30.—The government has asked local authorities throughout the kingdom to be ready to take the national register during the second week of August.

During the intervening period they are expected to arrange their corps of voluntary workers, map out their districts, and prepare for indexing the information as it comes in.

FRENCH VACATIONISTS SEEK FOREST RESORTS; SHORE PLACES TAKEN

Paris, July 30.—In consequence of the requisition of many seaside hotels for hospitals in connection with other military expeditions, a great many Parisians who generally go to the seashore have taken villas in the forest regions around Paris. Accommodations are now at a premium in the favorite resorts of the forests of St. Germain and Fontainebleau. Chantilly is too near the scene of operations but Enghein is crowded as well as Monthorency. St. Cloud and the popular places of the Meudon Woods. Nearly all the less fashionable suburbs of Paris have benefited.

The latest military regulations allow of no new residence permits within ten miles of the coast from Le Treport, near Dieppe, to the northern frontier, excepting by authorization of the military authorities; this exception is reserved to French citizens or subjects of countries allied with France who own property there, propose to inhabit, or whose lease of it antedates August 2, 1914. Exceptional considerations of health may be taken by the military authorities as justification for residence in the region of Berck Plage, between Le Treport and Etaples. All habitations north of Le Treport known to have belonged to a time of peace to the subjects of countries now enemies of France cannot be inhabited under any circumstances. These regulations close many resorts on the channel coast to the summer visitor.

The navy oil carrier Kanarha arrived at Hampton Roads, Va., with a broken shaft.

TAXES ARE NOW AS CERTAIN AS DEATH

Laws Effective August 1 Make
Tax Dodging Difficult—
New Tax Laws

A favorite maxim, "Nothing is sure but death and taxes" will truthfully materialize in operation as well as in fact in Connecticut beginning with August 1.

Chapter 293 of the Public Acts of 1915, in effect August 1, provides that any person having in his possession taxable bonds, notes, moneys on deposit in banks in excess of \$100 in other than savings banks, and who has not paid a tax in full for the past five years may list it with the state treasurer on or before September 15, and pay a tax of 4 mills per annum thereon. In the settlement of an estate of a person deceased on or after August 1, the act provides that the administrator or executor of the estate in filing the appraisal and inventory in the probate court shall include a statement of the taxable property therein contained on which state or municipal taxes have been paid during the previous year. A copy of the affidavit is submitted to the tax commissioner in which falls the date of payment of the tax.

The act provides that the period of possession of the property prior to the date of the decedent's death, but not less than the imposition of a tax of 2 per cent. per annum for five years, which tax is necessary for the estate to pay before the discharge of the administrator will be permitted.

The law will be a boon to the increase of the state's revenue because of the enforcement of the tax on securities in the hands of the holders, and the individual who takes advantage of the permission to list his property within the next six weeks with the state treasurer and pay the 2 per cent. tax thereon, and thus saves his estate in case of his death the payment of 10 per cent. penalty for his neglect, is a circumstantial "Shylock."

Intangible personal property has always been the bugbear for the assessor, and while bonds, notes, and other choses in action to the value of \$61,424,844 were registered last year with the state treasurer and a tax of 4 mills paid thereon, which tax exempted such securities to the owners in the municipalities of their residence, other holders of similar taxable securities have convinced themselves of the unfairness of the tax and evaded it entirely.

The act is broad in its uses of the word "property" and it would appear that furniture, jewelry, poultry, automobiles, cash, as well as bonds, notes, other choses in action, and property in general which has evaded taxation in the past are subject to the provisions of the law. The state will retain 2 per cent. of the 10 per cent. tax collected from an estate for the balance to the town of the decedent's domicile.

Benefit to Savings Depositors.

Another act worthy of publicity is Chapter 301 of the Public Acts of 1915, which provides that national banks may save depositors in such departments liability from taxation by electing to make a payment annually of 1/4 of 1 per cent. to the state on the total amount of deposits on or before October 1, with certain deductions. An election to pay the tax is filed with the tax commissioner on or before the thirtieth day of next September. Any depositor in a savings department of a national bank which does not file such election to pay will be included in the list of depositors sent to the assessors of their town 30 days after the assessment date, by the national banks. All such deposits in excess of \$100 will be listed by the local assessors and the penalty of 10 per cent. added thereto, on which total amount the local tax will be collected.

Prudent banks will doubtless pay the state tax, otherwise the likelihood is the depositors will place their money where it will be exempt. Banks electing to pay the tax will advertise their act boldly for it will be an attractive feature in banking to know one's deposit is exempt.

The General Assembly of 1915 passed another tax law which will cause the municipalities in which property is located specially exempted by either the legislature, by the vote of the townspeople, or by action of the town officials to pay the penalty for the privilege given. Such towns in their reports to the tax commissioner after August 1 will be required to include the value of such specially exempted property as part of the grand list and the taxes which would have been payable on such value, if the property were taxed. These amounts will be used in the computation of the state tax, causing a town to pay a state tax on property located therein, receiving special privileges of exemption.

The town of Stafford recently voted an exemption to the Hope Mill for a period of ten years, which action the present governor when attorney general ruled to be absolutely illegal as the part of any municipality. The advantage of a town in securing the location of an industry from which it receives no taxes will be lessened, and the inequality between towns will be eliminated by the state taxation of such exempted property.

PORTINUCULA PRIVILEGE GRANTED FOR TWO DAYS

The privilege of the Portinucula indulgence has been granted to all the Catholic churches and public chapels of the diocese of Hartford from noon on Sunday, August 1, until midnight, August 2, or from noon on Saturday, August 7, until midnight August 8, according to the choice of the pastors of the respective churches. The privilege is granted by virtue of special faculties conferred on the bishops of the world by decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, May 28, 1911. It is not granted to anyone for both August 2 and August 8. The privilege is granted to the churches of the same church or chapel have the privilege on both these days. Plenary indulgence at each visit to the churches during the specified time may be gained by all the faithful for themselves or for the souls in Purgatory provided that they fulfil the usual conditions of confession, communion and prayers for the intention of the Holy Father during the visit.

Governor Whitman visited the camp of the militia at Fishkill Plains, N. Y.

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OUR NEWTOWN NEWS LETTER

(Special to The Farmer.)
Newtown, July 30.—Miss Ethel McEneaney of Brewer, Maine, is the guest of the Misses Kean of Hawleyville.

Miss Catherine Kean of Hawleyville, who has been ill for the past month, is convalescing.

Augustus Winter of Hawleyville, who lost greatly by the fire in the Hotel Winter a few weeks ago, has had his claims adjusted by the insurance companies carrying the risks on the property, and is again carrying on business in a temporary building erected by Contractor T. F. Brew.

Frank Wachtel and family have moved to Sandy Hook, in the double house near the Atlantic mills. He is employed by the Electrical Engineering and Storage Battery company.

Albert, son of Lucien Pierron, starts Monday as apprentice to learn the machinist and toolmaking trade with the E. B. Corcoran.

A. T. Hadley, president of Yale University and director of the N. Y. N. H. & H. railroad, has returned to his summer home, Snake Rock Farm, in Zaca, after several weeks' absence with his family visiting the two expositions on the Pacific coast. In conversation with a local stockholder of the railroad, today, Directed by the campaign of economy was not interfered with by a famine in the labor market due to the cessation of European emigration or strikes among its employees for higher wages. He scored the legal and legislative interference in the matter of sale of its subsidiary critical properties, asserting that the officials of the road were permitted to dispose of same unhampered, the company would have been on a dividend paying basis July 1st, as they have sufficient funds to take care of all of its financial requirements.

The attractive comedy, "All Tangled Up," will be given at the town hall Wednesday evening, August 4, for the benefit of the St. Rose's church. The members of the St. Rose's Dramatic society who will appear in the play are the Misses Nora Blake, Mary Kilbride, May Jordan and William Loughran, Alonzo Lang, Harry Bradley, Joseph Keane. Dancing will follow the play, with music by Bentley's orchestra. Refreshments will be on sale.

Mrs. Julia Sanford Northrop, one of Newtown's oldest and best known residents, died Thursday at the family home in Head of the Meadow district. She was in her 84th year, and her husband, Norman Northrop, died several years ago. She was an active woman all her life and attended to her household up to her last illness which was of a week's duration. She is survived by several of these generations who reside in Newtown.

The registrars of voters for the first election district, Charles G. Peck and Thomas F. Bradley, give notice that they will be in session for the enrollment of voters according to political preferences, at the Brick Building on August 6 and August 13, from 12 m. to 3 p. m. The registrars of the second voting district, L. E. Briscoe and Frank Kirby, will also meet for the same purpose on the same dates and hours, at Glover's hall, Sandy Hook.

Dr. J. F. Mumford has purchased an automobile, Dr. Mumford, who assumes the practice of Dr. W. C. Kennedy, is located at the Brinton residence on Main street.

Miss Francis Loretta Houlihan of Vernon, N. Y., daughter of ex-Senator M. J. Houlihan of this town, was united in marriage to Burton Melville Chase at St. Michael's rectory in Penn Yan, N. Y., July 30. The marriage was the culmination of a romance which had its inception at Syracuse University of which institution both bride and groom are graduates, and grew during seven years spent together in the work of teaching at the Vernon High school to which both came as members of its faculty after graduation. Professor Chase will continue the work for another year in Vernon, where a pleasant home has been fitted up for them. Many Newtown friends received marriage announcements from the couple and have sent congratulations. The bride was a graduate of the Newtown High school, and very popular here as well as in the community which she chose for her career.

IN STERLING LIVES A GIRL Who Suffered As Many Girls Do—Tells How She Found Relief.

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There will be a special meeting of Local No. 115 U. B. of Carpenters and Joiners, Friday evening, July 30 at Carpenters' Hall, 8 p. m. to take action on the death of our late Brother L. N. Burke.

Signed,
T. A. FLANAGAN,
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